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**VIOLETTE FAMILY  
ASSOCIATION**



**President's Message**

John Violette, Bow, NH

The date and place for the next Violette Family Reunion has been set. It will take place on August 9, 10 & 11, 2002, in Edmundston, New Brunswick at the Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge and Conference Center. This location is in the heart of this city of approximately 20,000 people and is adjoining a shopping center so it'll be very convenient for anyone who wants to go shopping while at the reunion. Howard Johnsons has 102 rooms and if we rent 50 of them we'll get the use of the conference center at no additional cost. We looked at a number of places in the Edmundston and St. Basil area before finally settling on Howard Johnsons. HoJo's is the only place that could accommodate our size group and the facilities are excellent. We'll have a flat rate for rooms set at no more than 125\$ Canadian plus tax but keep in mind that the U.S. dollar is worth about \$1.45 in Canada at the present time and the taxes on rooms can be redeemed if you spend more than \$200 in Canada within a one year period. That means that four people could occupy a room for \$86.20 U.S. The discount rate can obviously change between now and 2002 but it has been approximately the same rate for the last few years.

At our last reunion George Violette from Connecticut made an excellent suggestion regarding increasing our attendance at the next reunion. His suggestion was that people are always racking their brain to come up with an appropriate gift for family members for Christmas and birthdays. Why not give them the gift of a voucher which would help them defray the cost of attending the reunion? With the holidays coming this could make a nice gift for a family member. Think about it.

In my previous message I tried to make the case for you to make a donation to the Violette Family Association and I'm glad to report that we received \$1,825 from 50 donors with some donations being very generous. Thank you very much for your support in this important area. We're now solvent and in much better shape than at the time of our last newsletter. Those of you wanting to make a donation to help the Association defray the cost of mailing these newsletters can still do so by writing a check to the Violette Family Association and mailing it to our treasurer - Louiselle C. Violette 12 Woodland Circle, Bow, N.H. 03304. Thank you in advance for your kindness. We will appreciate any help you can give us. It costs us about \$850 to send out this newsletter. One suggestion that was made at our last reunion was to try to go the e-mail route in order to save printing and mailing costs. You will find something about this in another part of this newsletter. The first thing that needs to happen is for you to let us know how to reach you on e-mail.

Let me take this opportunity to wish you and yours a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



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If you are "on-line", have Microsoft Word 97 (or later) and would like to receive these newsletters via e-mail, please send your e-mail address to Rita Daley at [rtdaley1@prodigy.net](mailto:rtdaley1@prodigy.net). Also remember to send any e-mail address changes to Rita, as well.

This is our first newsletter with e-mail distribution. Newsletters have been sent electronically to anyone who has given us their e-mail address already. All others are receiving it via regular mail. We are very excited to take this new approach, as it will save on printing and postage costs.

## Family Website

Nancy A. Nolette, Rocklin, CA



We now have a VIOLET/VIOLETTE family website with "My Family dot Com." It is FREE so far. I am currently the administrator as I set up the site for us. Unfortunately, I am very busy with my business now and cannot devote the time to oversee the web site. Therefore, I am asking for a volunteer (or two) for this position? The administrator(s) primarily sets up the email addresses of those who can enter the web site as it is not open for just anyone to get into it-just family members. Members can post photos, articles, recipes, announcements, family tree info, etc. I invite you to look at what I have already posted to the site! If you want access to the VIOLET/VIOLETTE Family Web site email me at [nolette@fossilworksinc.com](mailto:nolette@fossilworksinc.com) for your invitation (password) into the site. Nancy A. Nolette (916-624-3691)

## Family Association and Genealogy



Please note that our family genealogist has moved:

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## Birth Announcements



*Congratulations!*

- ⊗ Tyler Danielle Violette born November 15, 1999 to Gui E. Violette (#869) and Christine M. (Tyler) Violette of 71 Greenwood Dr. Fredericton, NB Canada. Welcoming Tyler home was his big sister Kaitlyn Elizabeth who was born December 17, 1997.
- ⊗ Robert Wayne Violette born March 3, 2000 to Michael Robert Violette (#1798) and Kathy (Johnson) Violette of 4938 12<sup>th</sup> Ave. So. Gulfport, FL. Proud Grandfather is Robert O. Violette (#744) of St. Petersburg, FL.

## Golden Anniversary



Robert & Corinne ( Dubois ) Lafond celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. They were married at Sacred Heart Church in Lawrence, MA on September 4, 1950. Congratulations!

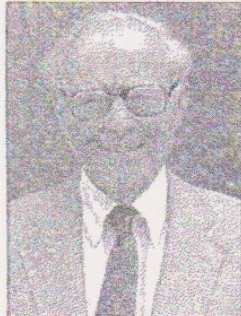


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## Deceased Members



wife  
#1178



**ELMER HECTOR VIOLETTE**

**VAN BUREN** - Elmer Hector Violette, Maine statesman, visionary conservationist and associate justice of the Maine Supreme Court, died Sunday, June 18, 2000, at Cary Medical Center in Caribou after an automobile accident. He was 79.



He leaves behind his wife of 53 years, Marcella Belanger Violette of Van Buren; five children, 10 grandchildren and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews. Elmer was born in Van Buren, Feb. 2, 1921, the son of Vital and Estelle (Bosse) Violette. He graduated from Van Buren Boys High School in 1939, earned an associate's degree from Ricker College in Houlton and a law degree from Boston University. Elmer was an U.S. Army Air Force veteran of World War II, serving in a weather forecasting unit in Goose Bay, Labrador, Canada. Elmer's life was characterized by his long-standing commitment to public service. In a public career that spanned six decades, he held numerous elected and appointed positions, including Van Buren Municipal Court judge, Maine state representative, Maine state senator, Maine Superior Court judge, and Maine Supreme Court justice. Two pieces of legislation highlight Elmer's legislative accomplishments.

The first is the Allagash Wilderness Waterway Act of 1969 which established the first state-protected river in the nation. This visionary law served as a blueprint for protective legislation on scores of other rivers across the country and created a lasting gift to the state of Maine and the nation. The second was passage of a law authorizing bilingual education in Maine. Prior to that law it had been illegal for the hundreds of thousands of Mainers of French-Canadian descent to speak their native language in public schools. The law was approved unanimously after Elmer made a passionate appeal on the floor of the Senate during which he addressed his fellow lawmakers in French. Elmer's service to his community included founder and trustee of the Van Buren Community Hospital, chairman of the Van Buren Housing Authority, chairman of the Van Buren Light and Power, chairman of the Van Buren Water District. Elmer was a proud son of the St. John Valley and he was a tireless ambassador for the region's Franco-American culture and language. He was an avid sportsman, with a love of both hunting and fly-fishing. Each winter, his spirits rose and fell with the fortunes of his beloved "Les Habitants," the Montreal Canadiens. Elmer's commitment to his community, his people and his state flowed directly from his faith. He was a devout Roman Catholic and was deeply involved in Van Buren's St. Bruno-St. Remi parish. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus Council No. 1635 of Van Buren, a member of the Third Order of Mary, affiliate of the Good Shepherd Sisters and a very active member of the Christian Family Movement.

He will be deeply missed by his wife, Marcella; and his children, Dennis Violette and his wife, Holly of Orrington and their children, Julia and Hugh; Marc Violette and his wife, Margaret Lanoue, of Albany, N.Y. and their son, Zacharie Lanoue; Paul Violette of Westbrook; Louise (Violette) Ansari and her husband, Hamid of Brunswick and their children, Sarah, Shirin, Esmael, Nasrin and Maryam; Thomas Violette and his wife, Mary of Bangor and their children, Danielle and Leanne. His death will also be mourned by his brothers, Emery, Robert and Leo James of Van Buren, Claude of New Britain, Conn., and Eugene of St. Louis, Mo. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his sister, Adelaide Lapierre and a brother, Martin.

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- † Victor U. Violette 91, (#156) devoted husband of Thelma (Emerson) Violette (#157) of Wellington, ME passed away on June 13, 2000. Besides his wife he leaves two sisters Lucia L. Carpenter and Dorothy Hill (#92) of Cumberland, ME.
- † Lucia L. (Violette) Carpenter 94, (#32) of Reston, VA passed away July 5, 2000 just three weeks after her brother Victor U. Violette (#156). She leaves two sons Jerry Carpenter



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(#1359) of Herndon, VA and John Carpenter of Providence, RI; a sister Dorothy (Violette) Hill (#92) of Cumberland, ME. Our deepest sympathy to Dorothy for the loss of both her brother Victor and sister Lucia.

† Violet Violette (#285) <sup>R 7292</sup> formerly from Augusta, ME passed away November 5, 1997. Beloved sister Doris St. Jacques (#1071) from Montreal PQ, Canada.

† Irene J. Violette (#287) <sup>R 5163</sup> wife of Edmond Violette (#286) of Oakland, ME (formerly from Augusta, ME) passed away February 18, 2000. Devoted mother of Jeannine (Violette) Lord (#1385) of Oakland, ME.

† Martha (Violette) Bolduc 96, (#1033) <sup>R 4124</sup> formerly from Van Buren, ME passed away on October 30, 1999. Devoted mother of Pat Knight (#474) of Winslow, ME.

† Delano Morin (#776) <sup>R 8287</sup> passed away August 21, 1999 beloved husband of Mae (Violette) Morin (#775) of Plantsville, CT

† Alberta (Violette) Roy 81, (#1125) <sup>R 4701</sup> passed away January 6, 2000 formerly from Oldsmar, FL. Beloved sister of Claudette R. Violette (#746) and brother Robert O. Violette (#744) both from St. Petersburg, FL. <sup>4710 4711</sup>

† Louis Violette (#1367) <sup>R 4787</sup> passed away June 20, 1999 beloved husband of Patricia Violette (#1368) of Rotunda West, FL. Devoted brother of Theresa Violette (#1094) of Bangor, ME. <sup>4792</sup>

† Lucille (McKenzie) Hutchinson 77, (#1168) <sup>23999</sup> passed away September 25, 1999. Beloved wife of Raymond P. Hutchinson (#1167) of Ridge Manor, FL. <sup>23998</sup>

✓ † Mail returned marked “Deseased” on Charles Moccio (#280) formerly from No. Scituate, RI. Mail returned marked “Decede” on Roland Lapierre (#704) formerly from Van Buren, ME. *If anyone could provide any information on our two members, please send it to:*

Rita Daley 33 Enterprise St. # 2A Duxbury, MA 02332 or e-mail: rtdaley1@prodigy.net

Our sincere sympathy goes out to all our members for the loss of their loved ones.



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## In Search Of....



Can anyone help us find these members of our family?

# 29	Rita Violette	Sanford, CT
# 62	Amedee Violette	Augusta, ME
# 234	Monica Groner	Murphy, NC
# 343	Lucy Leiber	Stamford, CT
# 373	Richard Bartlett	Augusta, ME
# 470	Mary Dube	Grand Falls, NB
# 591	Cecile Poulin	Augusta, ME
# 702	Lorette Burgess	Grand Falls, NB
# 714	Omer Violette	Pompano Beach, FL
# 787	Viola Violette	Drummond, NB
# 792	Raffaella Cote	Manchester, CT
# 820	Roger Violette	Grand Falls, NB
# 923	Vicki Givskud	Grand Falls, NB
# 1045	James Bunnell	Marston Mills, MA
# 1063	Caroline Bolduc	St. Jacques, NB
# 1064	Brigitte Violette	Quebec City, QC
# 1099	Sharon Langdeau	Wolcott, CT
# 1118	Louis Violette	Rochester, NH
# 1142	Geraldine Violette	Ste Anne de Madawaska, NB
# 1156	Raymond Lachance	Winslow, ME
# 1247	Anne Violette	Edmundston, NB
# 1307	Ruth Violette	Hartford, CT
# 1344	Patricia Lemoine	Jewett City, CT
# 1486	Murillo Violette, Jr	Beresford, NB
# 1628	Joan Eberle	No. Branford, CT
# 1630	Cindy Emond	Dieppe, NB
# 1717	Norbert Violette	Satellite Beach, FL

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